

Act, To Implement Recommendation of the Government Oversight Committee to Clarify That Competitive Bid Provisions Apply to Grant Awards

Sec.1 5 MRSA §1825-A, sub-§3-A, is enacted to read:

3-A. Contract. “Contract” means:

- A. an agreement between a vendor and the State describing the goods to be provided or service to be performed, the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties, the cost of the goods and/or services and how payment will be made; or
- B. an agreement or grant between a group, organization or other recipient and the State which describes terms and conditions and scope of performance or action which is expected of the recipient.

Summary

This Act implements a recommendation of the Government Oversight Committee stemming from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability report on Healthy Maine Partnerships’ FY13 Contracts and Funding. The Act establishes a statutory definition for the term “contract” within the statutes that govern State purchases. The term is defined to encompass the definition of a grant in order to clarify that subsequent statutory provisions regarding competitive bidding requirements that include the term “contract” apply to grant awards as well.